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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), Drawings, and Abstract (21 pages)
- ☒ Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 (7 pages)
- ☒ Assent of Assignee (copy from parent application)
- ☒ Revocation and New Power of Attorney (copy from parent application)
- ☒ Offer to Surrender (copy from parent application)
- ☒ Certificate under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (copy from parent application)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Form PTO-1449☒ Preliminary Amendment

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[54] **MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT
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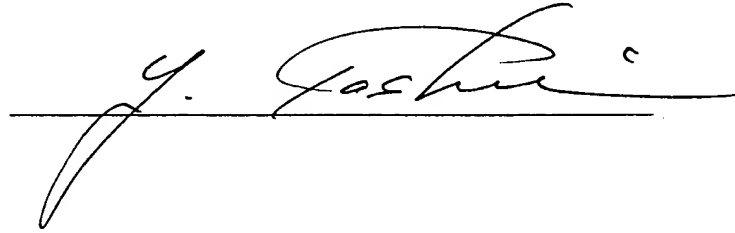
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